

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
February 2009

The monthly meeting of the MGEC Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 9, 2009, at the MGEC office.

Present: President Peter Buchen, Vice President John Siekmeier, Secretary Len Leitner, Directors Ron Dahlquist, Pat Ferrin, Jessica Forsberg (by phone), Rachel Guan, Linda Heath, Paul Kettleson, Mike Lownsbury, Lane Moll, Linda Taylor, Executive Director Dana Wheeler, Administrative Secretary Rhonda Bauer, and member Andy Eller.

Not present: Treasurer Scott Pierson and Past President Joe Pignato.

- I. **Call to Order:** President Buchen called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.
- II. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes for the 1-12-09 board meeting were approved as written.
- III. **Membership Report:** There are currently 966 Members (858 Regular, 46 Fair Share, and 62 Associates). There are 329 retirees on the Life Members mailing list.
- IV. **Executive Director's Report:**
 - A. **Compensation Survey:** The surveying portion is completed and ready for compilation. A statistician from MnDOT has agreed to develop an executive summary and the additional analysis including descriptive text, charts, statistics and demographics.
 - B. **NASHTU Letter to President Obama Supporting HF 2485 and HR 3621:** A motion was approved to send the letter on behalf of MGEC after checking first with NASHTU for any updates to the 12-15-08 letter.
 - C. **Timely Action on Legislative Issues:** A motion was approved unanimously for Executive Director Wheeler to address and act on MGEC's behalf to legislative issues, subsequent of informing the Executive Committee and receiving no objections; and to hire lobbying assistance as needed to promote MGEC interests.
 - D. **Media Promotion:** A motion was approved to use funds up to \$5,000 to support a joint media promotion with other public employee bargaining units. Volunteers will be needed for a "media committee." Let Dana know if you are interested.
- V. **Committees**
 - A. **Legislative:** The brochure draft was distributed and reviewed for length of content. The notes from the last Legislative Committee meeting (1-28-09) were reviewed. The committee will have standing meetings on the third Monday of every month. Because of the 2-16 holiday the next meeting will be on 2-23-09, 4:00 p.m.
 - B. **Negotiations:** The first meeting is 2-11-09 at 4:30 p.m. at the MGEC office.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - A. **Ethics Class:** Dana will check with the Board of Licensure about sponsoring a continuing education class on engineer responsibilities.
 - B. **Membership List:** The North Dakota Chamber of Commerce asked to purchase our membership list for recruitment purposes. Instead we will offer to post their positions on our website or through email.
- VII. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on March 9, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the MGEC office.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Leitner
Secretary

Rhonda Bauer
Administrative Secretary